

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated October 21, 2003, the Examiner states that Claims 1-6 are pending and Claims 1-6 are rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-6 are rejected as anticipated by US 3,872,749 (Plummer). Claims 1, 3 and 6 are rejected as anticipated by US 5,638,212 (Meyers et al.). The Applicant considers that the amendments to the claims overcome these rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all the features of Claim 2 and the additional feature that a concavities/convexities configuration of a cutting trace makes the non-lens surface of the Fresnel lens be constructed in a frosted-glass, mat surface configuration. Also, Claim 6 has been amended to include the technical feature that a concavities/convexities portion based on a cutting trace which is formed at the time of working a die makes each non-lens surface be constructed as a frosted-glass, mat surface configuration.

These amendments are supported by the passage between lines 2-15 on page 11 of the original specification, and add no new matter.

The frosted-glass mat surface configuration on the non-lens surface of the Fresnel lens is effective at suppressing the emission of stray light within the lens from the non-lens surface to thereby improve the contrast. The working method of the present invention is effective to provide the die for a Fresnel lens with a Fresnel molding groove having a wall surface forming such a frosted-glass, mat surface configuration.

Contrary thereto, Plummer fails to disclose the feature of forming on the wall surface of the die a concavities/convexities configuration of a cutting trace, which makes the non-lens surface of the Fresnel lens be constructed as a frosted-glass, mat surface configuration. Therefore, the Applicant considers that the present invention defined in Claim 1 and 6 are not anticipated by Plummer.

With respect to Meyers et al., the rejection does not apply to original Claims 2 and 4. As is discussed above, Claim 1 has been amended to include the technical

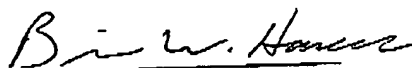
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features of original Claim 2, and Claim 4 defines the die which has been worked by the working method of Claim 1. Further, amended Claim 6 defines a Fresnel lens having on its non-lens surface a concavities/convexities portion. This portion is based on a cutting trace which is formed at the time of working a die, and such a concavities/convexities portion makes each non-lens surface be constructed in a frosted-glass, mat surface configuration. These features are associated with the feature of amended Claim 1. Therefore, the Applicant considers that remaining Claims 1, 4 and 6 are not anticipated by Meyer et al.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in better condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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